MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have received representations from the public of Tiruvalla taluk for establishing a Conciliation Board there?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. PLIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the action taken by them in the matter?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It will be considered after the Boards already established have worked for some time.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥലം കോട്ടയം ആയതു കൊണ്ടാണോ അവിടെ ഹൈ ക്കോർട്ടേഴ്സ് വച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

RAO BAHADUR RAYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The member knows whether Kottayam is the central place in Travancore or not.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: കൺസിലിയേഷൻ ആഫീസറന്മാരുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ വക്കീലന്മാരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: One High Court Vakil has been appointed recently as a Conciliation Officer.

Government Press.

108. ✻ MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Audit Office is empowered to bring to the notice of the Government irregularities in appointments made in a department, the expenditure incurred by the department as revealed by audit;

(*b*) whether they have received any such reports concerning the Government Press; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the affirmative, what action has been taken thereon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*a*) No. The Audit Office will report to Government only serious financial irregularities noticed in audit.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any irregularity in expenditure has been reported by the audit office?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The audit office has reported some financial irregularities.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any action has been taken on the irregularities already reported to Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Government have considered the reports and necessary action has been taken.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether there is any officer or office that is responsible for bringing to the notice of Government irregularities in appointments?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government themselves will look into the appointments and detect irregularities if there are any.

Director of Agriculture.

199. ✻ **MR. P. K. KUNJU** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualification of the present Director of Agriculture; and

(*b*) whether he has any agricultural training and experience?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) The present Director of Agriculture and Fisheries is a graduate of the Madras University with two years' post graduate training in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and one year's post graduate training in the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa and an M. sc. of the University of New Jersey, U. S. A.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether there was any qualified Ezhva applicant for the post of the Director of Agriculture?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: There was one Ezhava who had acted as Assistant to the Director of Agriculture. He had acted for short periods as assistant Director of Agriculture. But it is not known whether he was an applicant for the place; and he was in another department at the time.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ അഗ്രികൾച്ചർ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ സീനിയറായി ഒരു ഈഴവൻ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: No.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: അദ്ദേഹം ഡയറക്ടരായി ആക്റ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: ഇല്ല; അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് ഡയറക്ടരായി ആക്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. ശമ്പളം കൊണ്ടും സർവീസ്സ് കൊണ്ടും ആ ആറാം ജൂനിയർ ആയിരുന്നു.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കപ്പാളിഫിക്കേഷൻ എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I trust honourable members will not canvass qualifications of particular officers. It will not do any good to the officers concerned and the honourable members will see that they avoid this.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഡയറക്ടർ അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ജൂനിയറായിരുന്നയാളാണോ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: അതെ.

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